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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Anthonius J. Swaak Serial No.: 08/817,704 Filed: August 25, 1997 For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS Examiner: G. Ewoldt, Ph.D. Group Art Unit: 1644 Attorney Docket No.: 2183-7195US

Response to Office Action of March 17, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully responds to the Office Action of March 17, 2005 as follows:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three-month extension of time, the fee for which is included on a check submitted with this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.